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S. 416

To require the application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14 (legislative day, JANUARY 30), 1995

Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Major League Baseball
5 Antitrust Reform Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF THE ANTITRUST LAWS TO PRO-**
7 **FESSIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.**

8 The Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12 et seq.) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following new section:

1 “SEC. 27. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the antitrust
2 laws shall apply to the business of professional major
3 league baseball.

4 “(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to af-
5 fect—

6 “(1) the application of the antitrust laws to
7 baseball’s amateur draft, the minor league reserve
8 clause, the Professional Baseball Agreement, or any
9 other matter relating to the minor leagues; or

10 “(2) the application of Public Law 87–331 (15
11 U.S.C. 1291 et seq.) (commonly known as the
12 Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961).”.

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